

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2768 - SB 2859

February 24, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (014135): Requires that the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) to comply with all processes of the Department of Agriculture (TDA), Division of Forestry, when conducting sales of timber harvested from TWRA's property.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- The TWRA can comply with this legislation, utilizing existing resources.
- The Division of Forestry within the TDA, manages state forest timber sales.
- Based on information from the TDA's website, such timber sales are governed by procedures outlined in Department of General Services Rule 0690-2-1-.18, which requires such sales to be under sealed bids, publicly advertised, opened, and recorded. The bid of the highest responsible bidder who accepts the terms and conditions contained in the invitations to bid shall be selected.
- Any increase in expenditures for the TWRA associated with public advertisements will be minimal and are reasonably expected to be offset by increases in amounts received from the highest bidders.
- It is assumed that this legislation will have no significant impact on the net amount that would be harvested by the TWRA in the absence of this legislation.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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